



nz school of
RADIO 

SEMESTER ONE 2019

student profiles



Andy McDonnell



AGE: 24

PHONE: 027 774 1042

LICENCE: FULL

Hi I'm Andy from Nelson. I'm a very active person and enjoy most sport. I'm very much a people person and thrive when given the opportunity to work as part of a team. My most marked characteristic, I've been told, is my eternal positivity, and ability to make the most out of any situation.

I'm enthusiastic to try many new things, and I'll put 110% effort into everything I do. My energy is infectious, and I'll jump in to any task or activity, and complete it with a smile. I'm very eager to get stuck right in to thick of it and carve out a career in radio.

Anri Kruger

Hey I'm Anri, the crazy curly hair chick from across the road always eating! I was born in South Africa and moved to NZ when I was nine. I may be full of dad jokes but at least I'm not plain Jane. I consider myself unique because I embrace my bubbly weirdness and that's what has shaped me into the person I am today. I love the outdoors, getting involved, and trying new things out of my comfort zone.

I'll take all the opportunities that I get out of the NZSOR, but the ultimate goal is to go on air and share my laughs and experiences with the public as a host. I would also love to get involved with heaps of promos.

AGE: 17

PHONE: 022 496 0022

LICENCE: FULL



Arapeta (Pete) Henderson



AGE: 18

PHONE: 027 426 9189

LICENCE: LEARNERS

Hi. My name's Arapeta but most people call me Pete.

I'm from Rotorua and took this course to try something new. I've worked in a grocery store for the last year so I have experience in customer service. I'm enthusiastic and a team player who is keen to take any opportunity thrown my way.

I am respectful to my peers and will do my part to uphold your company's reputation.

When I started this course, I wanted to be an announcer on-air but I'd love to try everything from production to advertisements.

Arun James Beard

Giddy! I'm a well travelled bloke who has always had a passion for the radio industry. In 2018, I stuck my neck out, did something out of my comfort zone, and entered The Edge 30 Protégé Competition, to give myself the chance of getting into radio school - all expenses paid. I promoted The Edge 30 through social media while I was living in Edinburgh, Scotland. I came out the other end of it successfully and now find myself studying for my dream career in Tauranga. Through my travels, I've learnt to be open minded, dynamic and always looking for ways to improve myself. I'm an approachable guy, who's eager, ambitious and daring! Values I think would be perfect for your brand, clients and of course your listeners! Check out some of my work, "Send Arun Beard to the New Zealand School of Radio," on Facebook. I'm all about constant improvement and want to gain experience across different areas within the industry. I really want to find the right future for me in radio and I hope to do so by trying out all of the opportunities that are sent my way. At this point, I want to be an announcer, but who knows, I might find something else that interests or suits me more! I'm keeping an open mind about it all, so please, throw whatever you can at me - experience and knowledge is what I'm after!

AGE: 24

PHONE: 027 825 1882

LICENCE: FULL



Ben Ryder



AGE: 18

PHONE: 022 310 2765

LICENCE: LEARNERS

Kia Ora! I'm Ben, and am originally from Cornwall, England, but have been cutting my teeth in both drama and media (both at school and other ventures such as the V 48 Hour Film Festival), in the mighty Waikato for the past 14 years. I had my first taste of the professional industry when I was 13, starring in a TVC, and have been hooked on entertaining and engaging with people ever since!

I'm at my happiest when I'm able to have my creative, yet somewhat quirky, juices flowing and (although it would be awesome to be a full-time announcer) I'm totally open to where the NZSOR journey takes me and to gain that invaluable experience. Whether that may be in Promos, Production or any other positions that start with the letter P, I'm totally open to everything that may be thrown at me. I'm ready to work hard for any opportunities that come my way.

At the end of the day, I'm hard working, motivated and have a bunch of cracking stories to tell, give me the opportunity and I'll impress!

Bailee van der Heyden

A monkey is the animal I'd best choose to describe myself – outgoing, quirky, curious, and always wanting to learn new things. Small town kiwiana girl from good ol' Otorohanga. I was brought up with five brothers, and this has given me the courage to be able to 'tackle' any task that comes my way.

Working in the tourism industry at OGO Rotorua, Camp America, and Black Water Rafting, has given me the confidence to talk to anyone, and engage in banter with a wide range of people.

Although I walked into NZSOR with a goal towards announcing, I'm also very eager to learn other aspects of the industry - whether it's out on the streets with the promos team, in sales, producing, or anything else I have the opportunity to try my hand at.

I'm super pumped for a start in the exciting world of radio.

AGE: 20

PHONE: 021 0813 3329

LICENCE: FULL



Cameron Dixon



AGE: 18
PHONE: 027 511 5743
LICENCE: LEARNERS

Hey, I'm Cameron from Gore. I have been told that I have a huge talent for the arts with my ability to write music sing and play guitar. I have also been told that I could also pull off a career as an Elvis Presley impersonator if I tried. Being on stage is also another great hobby of mine whether it be presenting a speech, performing in a production, singing for the crowds entertainment or making a fool of myself wearing a skin tight pink bodysuit for our year 13 performance of Dynamite.

I am a good listener and will take on any advice that is given to me. I have also been pushed out of my comfort zone through the production of Les Miserables where I was put into situations that I would not usually feel I would like to be in. This helped me to gain the confidence that I needed to interact with people more.

I am very open minded about where I want to end up in the media industry and want to work my way up the ladder. My main goal in the media industry will be mixing music and also recording jingles for adverts and I believe that my work with Luke Howden at Hokonui radio in Gore has helped me to learn a bit about how the media industry works and being around such a fun and outgoing radio host has rubbed off on me and turned me from the small-town southern lad into someone who can use the energy that he gained from there and take it to another region.

Kia ora! I'm Ellis, a proud as punch, born and bred, Timaruvian. I love trying to tell a good joke, generally following the rule 'longer the joke, smaller the punchline, the better'. Music is also high on my list of loves and enjoy having a noodle on a guitar whenever I can!

After spending the last 3-4 years of my life teaching english, hiking and partying my way through Asia, U.S.A and Europe, I'm back in the Land of the Long White Cloud, looking to make something of myself in the radio industry.

Along with everyone else in existence, I've always had dreams to be an announcer. However since starting the course at NZSOR, my mind has been opened to all the other pathways available in radio, and I'm keen as Colonel Mustard to get stuck into as many opportunities as I can!

AGE: 25

PHONE: 027 810 4560

LICENCE: FULL



Ellis Walker-Ibadulla

Jamason O'Connor



AGE: 18

PHONE: 021 0257 4513

LICENCE: RESTRICTED

I am an enthusiastic, bubbly and encouraging person who is keen to get his foot in the door and experience under my belt. I am a big talker and have worked at a Fuel Station for a year and a bit doing A LOT of customer service. From helping people with picking oils for their car to cleaning up in the toilet after an old man completely missed, I've kind of seen it all so I'm not afraid to get my hands stuck in. This helped me with my confidence, and force to be able to talk to anyone about anything currently going on in the world. Coming into this course I had no real aspiration to do much on air stuff and no real idea of what I wanted to do. But the more we have people talk to us about the industry the more I realise the world of radio is one filled with different jobs and positions, both on and off air. The more we talk and the more the fields of production and producing stand out to me. No matter what doors open up I will always act with the company and station I'm affiliated with in mind so I don't damage their reputation.

Jasmine Reeve

My name is Jasmine, but you can call me Jas! I grew up in Whitianga and just recently moved to Tauranga.

I'm definitely a "people person," and make it my mission to ensure that people find time spent with me to be enjoyable. I'm always making the best of any situation.

I'm studying at the NZ School of Radio to pursue a career in promotions/sales, with a long-term goal of becoming an announcer. I would absolutely love to work out in promotions, as I feel I'd be right in my element! Representing a brand to the best of my ability.

AGE: 20

PHONE: 020 415 46905

LICENCE: LEARNERS



James Caldwell



AGE: 25

PHONE: 021 041 4736

LICENCE: LEARNERS

Name's James! I hail from the Kaipara and, as you can tell from the picture, I'm very enthusiastic about radio. I've dabbled in the industry for some time now via community radio and after years of hosting shows I've decided to go legit and make something of myself in the radio industry proper. You want someone with drive? Someone who's willing to try it all and go the distance? Well here you are!

Like many radio hopefuls I've a keen interest in announcing, but am eager to explore the myriad facets of the industry to find the perfect niche: be it production, sales or promotions, I'm willing to give everything 100%. My prior experience at the community level combined with the tuition of the New Zealand School of Radio should ensure that you receive nothing but the best from me, because that's what I'm going to work tirelessly to deliver.



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